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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

explicitly permits the inclusion of principals and other supervisory employees in school system bargaining units with teachers and nurses in supervisory positions.

**LD 449      An Act Concerning an Employee's Right to Review the  
Employee's Personnel File**

**PUBLIC 178**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CLARK H	OTP-AM	H-156
PINEAU		
MCHENRY		
PRAY		

SUMMARY

LD 449 proposed to repeal the exception for privileged medical records from the law permitting an employee to examine his employer's personnel file on that employee.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-156) retains the exception but limits the exception to those records which have been found by a court or administrative tribunal to be protected from discovery in the course of civil litigation.

**LD 467      An Act Concerning Workers' Compensation Discontinuance Forms**

**LV/WD**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RUHLIN	LV/WD	
REED		
MCHENRY		
WHITMORE		

SUMMARY

LD 467 proposed to alter the current method of discontinuing workers' compensation benefits by allowing an employer/insurer to stop or reduce benefits if, after notification, the employee failed to object to the termination or reduction.

**LD 537      An Act to Prevent Arbitrary Dismissal of Employees Based on  
Results of Substance Abuse Testing**

**INDEF PP**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
MATTHEWS	OTP	
MCHENRY		

SUMMARY

LD 537 proposed to regulate an employer's use of substance abuse testing of his employees. The LD did not restrict when an employer could choose to require such a test, but only regulated the test procedure and an employer's use of test results in employment decisions.

The LD was indefinitely postponed upon passage of LD 833.